GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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LEASE OUT OF FOREST LAND
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government have sent any proposal for leasing out the forest land for clearance; and

(b) if so, the time by which the said proposal is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) and (b) The Madhya Pradesh Government has sent 156 proposals for diversion of forest land for various non-forestry purposes from 1998 to January, 2001. Their present status is as follows:

1. Approved: 83

2. Rejected on merit: 26

3. Closed for non-furnishing of wanting details by the State: 17

4. Proposals withdrawn: 5

5. Proposals under active consideration of the Ministry: 10
6. Proposals incomplete and the State is yet to furnish wanting information: 15

About 6% proposals are under process with the Ministry for final decision. The Ministry is committed to clear all such proposals, which are complete in all respects, within 90 days. About 10% proposals are incomplete and no decision could be taken on these proposals as wanting details have been sought from the State Government. As such no time limit can be fixed for clearance of projects.